

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yusuke AMINO, et al.

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SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

EXAMINER:

FILED: HEREWITH

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ASPARTAME DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR PURIFYING THE SAME,
CRYSTALS THEREOF AND USES OF THE SAME

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/091,500, filed March 7, 2002, pending, which is a Continuation of PCT/JP00/05665 filed August 23, 2000, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:
Application No. **Date Filed**

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY

Japan

APPLICATION NUMBER

11-253498

MONTH/DAY/YEAR

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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/091,500 filed March 7, 2002

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
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☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

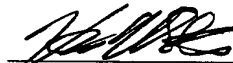
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